

FISCAL NOTE

HB 33 - SB 1634

February 5, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits denial of unemployment benefits for eligible individuals because they left work or were discharged due to circumstances resulting from the individual being a domestic violence victim. Provides that no employer shall be charged for the payment of benefits to an individual who left work due to circumstances resulting from the individual being a victim of domestic violence.

Requires a person asserting domestic violence status to provide the following as proof:

- A restraining order or other documentation of equitable relief issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- A police record documenting domestic violence.
- Documentation that the perpetrator has been convicted of one or more offenses that meet the elements a domestic violence offense;
- Medical documentation of domestic violence.
- Certification of domestic violence status from the director of a family violence shelter; or
- Documentation or certification from a social worker, member of the clergy, shelter worker or other professional that has assisted the person in dealing with domestic violence.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Expenditures - Exceeds \$250,000/Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund

Estimate assumes that the average weekly wage benefit amount of these claimants would be \$206.14, and the average duration of these claims would be 12.8 weeks, based on most current data. Estimate assumes a minimum of 100 persons would qualify for benefits as a result of the bill, resulting in additional payments from the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund in excess of \$250,000 (100 claimants x \$206 x 12.8 weeks = \$263,680).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director